

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for October 29, 2014

The DVCC Public Awareness/Education Committee met on October 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the New Castle County Courthouse, Wilmington. Attending the meeting were: Judge Carl C. Danberg, Court of Common Pleas - Chair; Meghan Marner, Peoples' Place; Adrienne Owen, DE State Police; Wendi Caple, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution; Yvonne Bunch, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families/Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services; Stephanie Ferrell, DE Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Maureen Monagle, Criminal Justice Council; Ellie Torres, Natasha Smith and Pat Kwetkauskie - DVCC staff and Tim Collins, member of the public.

Call to Order: Judge Danberg called the meeting to order.

Introduction: Judge Danberg welcomed Committee members.

Old Business: There was no old business as the Committee has not met for some time.

New Business

1. Goals and Focus of the Committee:

- Judge Danberg led discussion about the role and direction of the Committee. Several ideas were suggested including those that were developed during the recent DVCC Retreat:
 1. Convene a statewide summit and bring together multiple disciplines to discuss their agencies and services they provide;
 2. Support the education efforts of the DVCC;
 3. Establish a web-based clearinghouse to disseminate information about education and training opportunities available throughout Delaware;
 4. Create a comprehensive list of resources, agencies and stakeholders who respond to victims of domestic violence in Delaware.

2. Other:

- Judge Danberg explained that in order to move forward, the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council will set an agenda for the Public Awareness/Education Committee. At that point the DVCC's Strategic Plan will shape the Committee's focus and response. In anticipation of this action, the Committee will meet in December after the DVCC Quarterly meeting.
- Mr. Tim Collins provided public comment and noted that along with women, men are also victims of domestic violence.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the DVCC Public Awareness/Education Committee will be held on December 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting location will be in the LL 2 Conference Room in the New Castle County Courthouse, Wilmington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Kwetkauskie, DVCC Staff

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